

In the afternoon, the President met with NATO Secretary General Javier Solana in the Oval Office.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joyce E. Leader to be Ambassador to Guinea.

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### **Nominations Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Services officers.

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#### ***Submitted April 20***

Frank Almaguer,  
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Career Minister, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Honduras.

John R. Hamilton,  
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Peru.

Donald W. Keyser,  
of Virginia, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Negotiator for Nagorno-Karabakh and New Independent States Regional Conflicts.

#### ***Submitted April 21***

Gwen C. Clare,  
of South Carolina, a career member of the Senior Foreign Services class of Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Ecuador.

Oliver P. Garza,  
of Texas, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Nicaragua.

Richard L. Morningstar,  
of Massachusetts, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

#### ***Submitted April 22***

Anna J. Brown,  
of Oregon, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Oregon, vice Malcolm F. Marsh, retired.

Kermit Bye,  
of North Dakota, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, vice John D. Kelly, deceased.

Faith S. Hochberg,  
of New Jersey, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of New Jersey, vice Joseph H. Rodriguez, retired.

H. Alston Johnson III,  
of Louisiana, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, vice John M. Duhe, Jr., retired.

Ikram U. Khan,  
of Nevada, to be a member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for a term expiring May 1, 1999, vice Alan Marshall Elkins, term expired.

Ikram U. Khan,  
of Nevada, to be a member of the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for a term expiring May 1, 2005. (reappointment)

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### **Checklist of White House Press Releases**

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The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

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#### ***Released April 19***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

Transcript of a press briefing by Office of Management and Budget Director Jack Lew, Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott, and Deputy Secretary of Defense John Hamre on the fiscal year 1999 supplemental budget request for Kosovo

Statement by the Press Secretary: Visit of Hungarian President Goncz

Statement by the Press Secretary on the President's meeting with FEMA Director James Lee Witt and members of the Project Impact Fire Services Partnership for Disaster Prevention

***Released April 20***

Transcript of a press briefing by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Secretary of Defense William Cohen, and National Security Adviser Samuel Berger on the NATO 50th anniversary celebration

Statement by the Press Secretary: Imprisonment of Four Baha'is in Iran

Text of the citation for the presentation of the Presidential Medal of Freedom to former Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany

***Released April 21***

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Joe Lockhart

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Announcement of nominations for U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon, U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

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**Acts Approved  
by the President**

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***Approved April 19***

H.R. 1376 / Public Law 106-21

To extend the tax benefits available with respect to services performed in a combat zone to services performed in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia/Montenegro) and certain other areas, and for other purposes